Evaluating Indo-Pak Relations

1635. SHRI VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRANTHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evaluated the basic reasons for the constant deterioration of Indo-Pak relations;

(b) if so, the findings of the evaluation;

(c) the role, if any, of any outside powers in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Pakistan's continued support to terrorism and subversion directed against India, its hostile anti-India propaganda and its consistently negative approach towards the resumption of bilateral dialogue are the basic factors which impede any forward mvcmcnt in the bilateral relations between India and Pakistan.

(c) and (d) Government are of the view that all differences between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally and peacefully within the framework of the Simla Agreement. There is no scope for any outside intervention by any third party.

Government have, however, apprised the international community of the true facts regarding the situation in J&K, including the extensive support, abetment and encouragement extended by Pakistan to subversive and terrorist activities. There is widespread appreciation of India's position.

Unauthorised construction on National Highway in Delhi

1636. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IRC guidelines, rules and regulations are being violated by a number of Petrol pumps, hotels and dhabas on the National Highway No. 8 in Delhi;

(b) what are the names of such business organisations which are still under construction against such guidelines; and

(c) what action is taken/proposed to be taken by Government to stop their construction to aviod the increasing number of violation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Petrol pumps, hotels and dhabas located on National Highways are beyound the right of way of National Highway and have to conform to TRC guidelines. However in respect of some petrol pumps on National Highways No. 8 in Delhi, it is reported that there have been few departures from the laid down IRC norms. Matter has been taken up with the Petroleum Ministry for necessary corrective action.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयात मूल्य का बढ़ना

1637. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी0 सोलंकी :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में रुपये का अवमूल्यन होने के कारण देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयात के मूल्य में वृद्धि हुई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस रुपये के अवमूल्यन के फलस्वरूप कितने प्रतिशत मूल्य वृद्धि होने का अनुमान है,

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस मूल्य वृद्धि की

राशि को देश में उपभोक्ताओं से वसूल करने हेतु पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया गया था,

(घ) यदि हां, तो प्रस्ताव की रूपरेखा क्या थी, और

(ड़) क्या सरकार ने देश में पेट्रोलयम उत्पादों की कीमतें बढ़ाने के संबंध में कोई अन्तिम निर्णय लिया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) जबकि डालर की तुलना में रुपए की विनियम दर में हाल के परिवर्तनों के कारण अब तक सौदा की गई मात्राओं में लिए भारतीय रुपए के संबंध में आयात बिल में वृद्धि हुई है, वहीं 1995-96 के लिए आयात बिल में निश्चित वृद्धि वर्ष 1995-96 की शेष अवधि के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के मूल्यों पर निर्भर होगी।

(ग) से (ड़) वर्तमान समय में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Illegal siphoning of funds of the eafarers Welfare Fund Society

1638. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has investigated into the illegal siphoning of the funds of the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society to the tune of Rs. 1.25 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details of CBI findings;

(c) the names of the persons involved in the criminal conspiracy; and

(d) what action is taken by Government against the persons involved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) According to the Central Bureau of Investigation Report, the CBI is investigating into illegal siphoning of the funds of the Seafarers Welfare fund Society to the tune of Rs. 50 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that the following five persons, who in conspiracy with one another, committed fraud and cheated Seafarers Welfare Fund Society to the tune of Rs. 50 lakhs should be prosecuted in the Court of Law under Sections 120-B, 420,409, 477-A of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(2) read with 13(l)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988:—

1. Shri Suresh Laxman Gogate, Senior Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Wadala Branch, Bombay.

2. Shri Nand Kishore Prasad, Former Deputy Director General of Shipping, Bombay.

3. Shri Suresh Babu Malage, Private Person.

4. Dr. Leo Barnes, General Secretary, National Union of Seafarers of India, Bombay.

5. M/s. Jount Mary Enterprises, Bombay (Represented by Shri S. B. Malage, Accused No. 3 above).

The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed charge sheets against the above named persons on 18.8.1995. In addition, the CBI has found the following four persons involved in the case for the lapses in discharging their duties and has recommended suitable action against them:—

1. Shri Suresh S. Darekar, Senior Manager, Accounts Department, Bank of Baroda, Wadala Branch, Bombay.

2. Shri K. S. Balakrishnan, Manager, Current Accounts Department, Bank of Baroda, Wadala Branch, Bombay.

3. Shri S. B. Chitre, Manager, fixed Deposit Section, Bank of Baroda, Wadala Branch, Bombay.

4. Shri R. Parmeswaran, the then Accounts Officer, Seafarers Welfare fund Society, BomBay.

(d) Apart from the charge sheet filed by the CBI, as referred to above, the Government has initiated action under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules,